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TO : AB52
FROM : AB51
SUBJECT : GULL Operation (Berlin)
REF : MSC-387 (LTS-748)

- 1) The following background information on subject may be of use to you in connection with Operation GULL.
- 2) Subject was born 13 July 1897 in St Petersburg, Russia. He finished Artillery School in 1917, and fought in the revolution, reaching the rank of Captain. From 1921 to 1928 he lived in Finland and belonged to General KOTIKOV's anti-Bolshevist group. He claims to have blown up the Central Communist Party Club in Leningrad in June 1927 and to have escaped back to Finland. Soviet pressure on the Finns to expel subject resulted in his moving in 1928 to Paris where he organized an anti-Soviet youth group in which dabbled in anti-Soviet espionage.
- 3) At Soviet insistence the French government expelled subject in 1938. From 1938 to the present he has lived in Germany. From 1938 to 1944 subject worked in Berlin for the Russian language newspaper Novaya Slovo under one DESPOTUL. He was in contact with ROSENBERG's Ostministerium; for this reason General TURKUL refused to have much to do with him. In 1944 subject joined the VLASSOV movement and was assigned to the RCM Intelligence Section under Major KALUGIN.

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4) Since 1945 subject, his wife, a former social revolutionary, and his daughter, have lived in Wangen, French zone. His daughter, a secretary for the Wangen Surate, has applied for French citizenship.

5) Subject has supplied considerable information on the HTSMP, in which he has good contacts (he is on close terms with BAIDALAKOV), and furnished a large part of the information of LE-6, Soviet Intelligence Activities in the French Zone of Germany, reprinted in USPH Special Intelligence Summary #23.

6) The Munich case officer rates low the possibility that subject may be a Soviet or Zieme Bureau agent. At the same time, as you know, in the case of White Russians Soviet affiliations can never be ruled out altogether and in your dealings with subject you should therefore be guided accordingly.

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